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1. WE HAD NOTICED THE ALAMO NEWS STORY AND ASSUMED (AS HAD WESTINGHOUSE COORESPONDENT ANDERSON) THAT IT WAS PART OF AN EFFORT TO DISCREDIT THE ARABS, OR THAT SOMEONE MISSED THE POINT OF A SAUDI'S ATTEMPT AT HUMOR.

2. WE HAVE THUS FAR BEEN UNABLE TO IDENTIFY "SHAYKH MAS'UD AL SHARIF HAMDAN". WE ASKED AMB. NURI IBRAHIM OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WHO PRIDES HIMSELF ON KNOWING EVERYONE, BUT HE WAS UNABLE TO HELP. HE NOTED THAT THE HAMDANS ARE VERY NUMEROUS. THE NAME WAS SOMEWHAT UNUSUAL BUT NOT INHERENTLY IMPLAUSIBLE.

3. "SHAYKH HAMDAN" UNKNOWN ALSO TO ALL EMBOFFS AND TO NUMBER OF THEIR SAUDI CONTACTS WHO HAVE BEEN QUERIED.

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